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THE PARKER FAMILY

OF NORTHAMPTON AND ACCOMAC COUNTIES.

Compiled from Records of Accomac and Northampton Counties, Manuscripts and the Family Bible. By R. L. S.

The Parker family came early from England to the Colony of Virginia, and are recorded in the records of Northampton county as early as 1654.

The family seat in England, I believe to be "Park Hall," in Staffordshire, descendants of the Earls of Morley and Monteagle; but of this matter I will speak later; same family as the Earls of Macclesfield.

There appears on the records of Northampton county, Virginia, Vol. IV, pa. 226, "Robert Parker and his wife Joan, Dec. 9, 1654." Vol. VII, pa. 2, "Philip Parker, March 28, 1656."

"Capt. George Parker, Gent.," Vol. IV, pa. 226, Records of Northampton county, 1656. He was High Sheriff of Accomac county, Va., and a member of the County Courts, both of Northampton and Accomac counties, and was a brother of Robert Parker, and John, Philip and Thomas Parker also appear on the records at the same time; but Thomas is not mentioned again, and it is thought he returned to Isle of Wight county; as my mother's record states that our ancestor, George Parker, came from Isle of Wight county to the Eastern Shore. And a will of Thomas Parker is recorded in Isle of Wight county, dated November 16, 1685, and recorded February 9, 1685, wherein he gives his "Uplands to his son Thomas, which land was known afterwards as Macclesfield." The name of "Macclesfield" was not mentioned in the will as the name of the land, but is now known to be the same land described in this will as my Uplands. The same will gives "my Island land to son John."

Captain George Parker, Gent., of the county of Accomac, Eastern Shore, Virginia, bought land in Accomac county called "Poplar Grove," and in each will of his descendants, as well as his own, this property has been left by father to eldest son, for many generations, always to son George, except in one instance to "Thomas," who in turn leaves the place to his son, Judge George Parker, of Northampton county, who leaves it to his son, Severn Eyre Parker, who sold it to a Mr. Edmund Poulson about 1840. So thus this tract of land is traced in the records of Northampton county from 1654 to 1840, or thereabouts.

Capt. George Parker, Gent., who afterwards became major, was commissioner of both Accomac and Northampton counties. A member of the County Court, 1658 and 1663, and continued a justice until his death, in 1674. This will is recorded in Vol. 1673 to 1676, page 184. Northampton County Records, Sept. 10, 1674.

Robert Parker and his wife Joan returned to England. There is a power of attorney recorded in Isle of Wight county Court-House from Robert Parker, of Northampton county, Eastern Shore of Virginia, dated May, 1661, and he was a brother of Capt. George Parker, Gent.

Robert Parker and his wife Joan owned a place in England called "Cowpers Hill" and also "Meadhurst," and Lord Montague held the Parker's claim and collected their rents while they were in Virginia.

The records also mention Elizabeth Parker, who was 24 years old in 1666, and Catherine Parker, who was 20 years old January 17, 1665.

Extracts from Capt. George Parker, Gent., of "Poplar Grove," will dated 1674, recorded Sept. 10, 1674: "To his eldest son, George Parker, he bequeaths his home lands on the north side of Onancock creek, after the death of his wife Florence" (these "home lands on north side" of Onancock creek is the tract called "Poplar Grove"), he also gives to his son George all his land and property in England. To his son, John Parker, he gives land on south side of Onancock creek. To his youngest sons, Philip and Charles, he devises all other lands. To his daughter, Abigail, he gives stock money and servants. He had a daughter, Catherine, but as she is not mentioned in his will, it is probable she died before her father. He mentions only one brother in his will.

John Parker, his brother, lived on a large tract of land, also in Accomac county, Virginia, called Mattaponi, and is buried there in the garden, near the grave of his son Robert Parker.

Major George Parker, Gent., eldest son of Captain George Parker, Gent., died in 1724. See Vol. 1715 to 1719, Northampton County Records, pa. 210. His will was recorded at Accomac county, Va., July 14, 1724. He leaves to his eldest son, George Parker, the half of the home lands, lying on the north side of Onancock creek, being about 825 acres. (He lived at "Poplar Grove.") To his son Charles he gives all his land lying on Pungoteague creek, bought of Mr. Justinean Yoe [Yeo], containing 959 acres. To his son Henry he gives the land lying on "Back Creek" adjoining that of "my eldest son, George Parker's land," also situated on the north side of Onancock creek, and a part of the original "home place." To his son Bennett he gives part of the Wickenough Neck land in Somerset county, Maryland, it being 300 acres. To his son Richard he gives the balance of the Wickenough Neck land, being also 300 acres. To his son Philip he gives all the land lying in "My Neck," on Onancock creek, not already given to George and Henry." (This land is still called "Parker's Neck" to this day.) He had also one daughter named Anne Parker. He married Ann Scarborough, the daughter of Charles Scarborough (the son of Edmund Scarborough, Surveyor-General of Virginia), of Accomac county, Va., and Elizabeth Bennett (a daughter of Governor Richard Bennett, of Virginia). See the will of Governor Bennett, also that of his son Richard Bennett, who

mention George Parker and Ann Scarborough and their children and also the children of Charles Scarborough and Theoderic Bland.

George Parker, Gent., eldest son of Major George Parker, Gent., and Ann Scarborough, died 1734. Will recorded in Will-Book Northampton County Records, 1729 to 1737, (who was the George Parker, sheriff of Accomac, 1730 and 1731?). He married Elizabeth (maiden name not known). He leaves to eldest son George the "home lands" ("Poplar Grove") on north side of Onancock creek, where he now resides, "except where Mr. Watts lives, this tract he gives to his son John, it being 400 acres, adjoining my Back creek property (this last was the property left by Capt. George Parker, Gent., to his son Henry, who dying without heirs, left it to his nephew, George Parker). To his son Thomas he gives 300 acres of this same tract, left him by his Uncle Henry. To his son Levin he gives 140 acres on Pocomoke river. He had also, sons: Charles and Clement, and four daughters: Ann, Sarah, Priscilla and Betty.

George Parker, Gent., eldest son of George Parker, Gent., of "Poplar Grove" and Elizabeth, his wife. Married twice—1st, Sarah, and 2nd, Susannah. Neither maiden name is known to me. He died in 1757, without a will, and his property was divided by law, January 20, 1757. George, his only son, inherited the "home lands," "Poplar Grove" amongst other property. There were five daughters: Catherine, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann and Susannah.

This only son, George Parker, Jun'r, as he styles himself, in his family Bible, which is in my possession, states in his own hand-writing that he is "the son of George Parker and Sarah, his wife, and was born Oct. 28, 1735. He died Oct., 1784, and his will is recorded at Accomac Co. Court-House, Oct. 27, 1784, but is dated Aug. 13, 1784. He married twice—first, Ada Bagwell; second, Sarah Andrews.

George Parker, Jun'r, of "Poplar Grove," only son of George Parker, Gent., and Sarah, his wife. Married (1st) Ada Bagwell (daughter of Thomas Bagwell and Elizabeth, his wife), March 8, 1756. Their children (as recorded by himself) were:

Thomas Parker, b. January 8, 1757; he married Elizabeth Andrews. He was ensign 2nd Va. Regt. Jan. 4, 1777; lieutenant Oct. 13, 1777; wounded and captured at Savannah; exchanged Dec. 22, 1780; served to close of war. Another account states he was captured at Germantown. He died Dec., 1819. Had issue: (a) Elizabeth, married Mease Smith; (b) Maria, married — Hack.

George Parker, b. May 13, 1758; died Sept. 16, 1759.

Elizabeth Parker, b. Feb. 27, 1760; married, 1st, Mr. Teackle; 2nd, Mr. Reed.

George Parker, b. May 10, 1761; died July 12, 1826.

Ann Parker, b. Aug. 25, 1763; married Littleton Upshur, Esq., of Northampton county, Va., who left descendants. Among them are

Samuel Johnston, M. D., of Baltimore, Maryland, a celebrated physician, and his sisters, Miss Emily Upshur Johnston and Mrs. George Dennis, of Princess Ann, Somerset Co., Maryland.

George Parker, the third son of George Parker, Jun'r, and Ada, his wife, was elected a judge of the General Court of Va., Dec., 1815. He was married three times. His first wife was Margaret Eyre, Northampton county, Va., by whom he had one son—and only child—Severn Eyre Parker, of "Kendall Grove." He married, 2nd, Mrs. Stith, and 3rd, Mrs. Savage, two sisters, daughters of Mr. Isaac Smith, of Northampton county, Va., but had no issue by either marriage. They were sisters of Mrs. Donnell and Mrs. Gilmer, of Baltimore, Maryland, all celebrated beautiful women, the last two have many descendants in Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge George Parker died July, 1826, and is buried in St. Paul's graveyard Baltimore, Maryland. He inherited the old "home lands" "Poplar Grove," the family seat of the Parkers, and left it to his son, Severn Eyre Parker, who sold it about 1840 to Mr. Edmund Poulson, whose family, I believe, still own it. Thus the old "home lands," on the north side of Onancock creek, past from the Parkers hands in whose possession it had remained since 1654.

General Severn Eyre Parker, of "Kendall Grove," and last owner of "Poplar Grove," was member of the House of Delegates from Northampton county, and M. C. 1819-21. He married, 1st, Maria Teackle, they had one daughter, Margaret Eyre Parker, who married, in 1836, Lieutenant George P. Upshur, U. S. Navy, who died at Spezia, Italy. They left no descendants.

Mrs. Maria Teackle Parker died Nov. 7, 1815.

Severn Eyre Parker married the second time, in 1822, Catherine Geden Prunell, of Worcester county, Maryland, June 26, 1822. She was born March 22, 1796, and died Nov. 21, 1848. They had, also, one daughter, and only child, Catherine Purnell Parker, b. May 30, 1834. She married Robert S. Costin, of Northampton county, Va., Dec. 7, 1853. Their children were:

Margaret Eyre, b. March 29, 1855; d. Sept. 21, 1855.

Severn Parker, b. May 5, 1857; d. Jan. 30, 1883. A young and most promising physician.

Catherine Purnell, b. July 12, 1859; married Madison Rush, of Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 2, 1884. They have three daughters.

William Francis, b. Oct. 17, 1862; married Nov. 6, 1893, Elizabeth Boardly Post, of Baltimore, Md.

Margaret Spady, b. Feb. 26, 1865; married Nov., 1888, Ridgely Duvall, Jun'r, of Baltimore, Md. They have one son.

Severn Parker, b. March 2, 1893.

Ridgely Duvall, Jun'r, d. June, 1895.

Annie, b. April 18, 1868; d. Aug. 6, 1883.

Robert S. Costin, d. 1893.

Catherine Purnell Parker, his widow, still resides at "Kendall Grove," Northampton county, Va.

George Parker, Jun'r, only son of George Parker, Gent., of "Poplar Grove," married the second time Sarah Andrews (daughter of Jacob Andrews, of "Sylvan Retreat," and Margaret Joynes, his wife), January, 1775.

They had three children: Sarah Parker, born November 5, 1776; John Andrews Parker, born September 20, 1779; Jacob Parker, born November 10, 1782.

Sarah Parker married George Ker, of Scotland. She died September, 1822, and left one son, Dr. John Ker, who left many descendants, and one daughter, Margaret Ker, who married Mr. Snead, of Accomac county, and had one son, Smith Snead, Esqr., who married Miss Dennis and left three daughters and two sons. One daughter, Susan Dennis Snead, married Mr. Charles Snead, and resides in Baltimore, Md., and has one daughter, Susan Dennis Snead.

Margaret Ker Snead, unmarried.

Elizabeth Snead, died.

Edward Snead, died.

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John Andrews Parker, eldest son of George Parker, Jun'r, and Sarah Andrews, his second wife, was born September 20, 1779, was member of the House of Delegates for Accomac, 1802-3, &c., and married Harriet Burleigh Darby in 1800 (daughter of Colonel John Darby, of "Occohannock" and "Oak Grove," Northampton county, Va., and Esther Christian, his wife, a daughter of Michael Christian and Patience Michael).

They had four daughters: Caroline Darby Parker; Eliza Burleigh Parker; Sarah Andrews Parker; Arinthea Darby Parker, born February 19, 1807.

The three eldest died in early childhood, and John Andrews Parker died August, 1810. Harriet Burleigh Darby, his wife, died August, 1840.

Arinthea Darby Parker married James Macon Nicholson, of Baltimore, Md., June 21, 1838 (son of Judge Joseph Hopper Nicholson and Rebecca Lloyd, his wife, a daughter of Edward Lloyd IV, of "Wye House," Talbot county, Md., and Elizabeth Tayloe, a daughter of Colonel John Tayloe, of "Mt. Airy," Richmond county, Va.). They had three daughters: Harriet Burleigh Nicholson, born December 25, 1840, died June, 1841; Rebecca Lloyd Nicholson, born May 28, 1842; Leila Parker Nicholson, born October 30, 1845, died December 17, 1871.

Rebecca Lloyd Nicholson married twice. First, Captain John Eager Howard Post, of Baltimore, Md. Second, Edward Shippen, M. D., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Captain John Eager Howard Post was Adjutant of the 1st Maryland

Cavalry, C. S. A., and served with distinction under General Stonewall Jackson and with General J. E. B. Stuart, and when the war was over returned to his home in Baltimore and was married April 17, 1866.

They had five children—four sons and one daughter—all of whom died in early childhood but one son, J. E. Howard Post, who now resides in Baltimore, Md.

Captain J. E. Howard Post died February 12, 1876. He was the son of Eugene Post, of New York (a son of Dr. Wright Post and Mary Bayley, his wife) and Margaret Elizabeth Howard (a daughter of Governor George Howard, of Maryland, and Prudence Ridgely, of "Hampton," his wife. George Howard was son of Colonel John Eager Howard, of Revolutionary fame).

Rebecca Lloyd Post, widow of Captain John Eager Howard Post, was married to Edward Shippen, M. D., of Philadelphia, December 3, 1878. They had one child, a son, Lloyd Parker Shippen, born October 18, 1879, who now resides in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Edward Shippen died April 22, 1895. He was the son of Dr. William Shippen, of Philadelphia, and Mary Louisa Shore, of Petersburg, Va., and a lineal descendant of Edward Shippen, the first mayor of Philadelphia, and also of the Lees, Carters, Byrds, of Westover, &c., Farleys of Virginia, &c. He was a distinguished surgeon during the Civil War, and, among other services, had charge of the Capitol at Washington when it was used as a hospital, where he had more than one thousand wounded men under his care. Afterwards he was with General Griffin, as Surgeon-in-Chief of the Fifth Army Corps, and afterwards was Medical Director of the Twenty-third Army Corps, under General Scofield, where he remained during the remainder of the war. See *Pennsylvania Magazine of History*, Vol. I, for pedigree, &c., of the Shippen family.

Jacob Parker, second son of George Parker, Jun'r, and Sarah Andrews, married Nancy Stratton, born February 2, 1795, died May 28, 1883 (a daughter of John Stratton and Lucy Digges, who was a daughter of Dudley Digges).

They had four children: John S. Parker, married Anne Floyd; Alfred Parker, died unmarried; Anne Parker, married D. Alexander Thom; Sarah Parker, married Dr. George Upshur.

John Stratton Parker married Anne Floyd, a daughter of John Kendall Floyd and Anne Stockley Teackle. They had five children: Margaret Andrews Parker, born November, 1840; John Parker; Lucy Digges Parker, born 1844; Nancy Stratton Parker; Catherine Parker; Jacob Parker.

John, Catherine and Jacob died unmarried. Nancy Stratton Parker resides still in Northampton county, Va. Lucy Digges Parker married C. C. Willard, of Washington, D. C., and resides there. They have no children.

Margaret Andrews Parker married Severn Eyre, of "Eyre Hall," Northampton county, Va. They had three children: William Littleton Eyre, born May, 1871, died April 23, 1894; Grace T. Eyre, born September, 1872, married Richard B. Taylor, November 19, 1897, a son of Dr. Robert Taylor, of Norfolk, Va., and Lelia Baker, his wife; Mary Eyre, born April, 1875, married William H. DeCoursey Wright, April 14, 1898, son of Judge D. Geraud Wright, of Baltimore, Md., and Louisa Wiggfall, a daughter of General Wiggfall, C. S. A.

These records have been gathered from the Northampton county records, my mother's (Arinthea Darby Parker, wife of James M. Nicholson, of Baltimore, Md.) manuscript, the Family Bible of George Parker, Jun'r, my great grandfather.

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THE RODES FAMILY.

The English portion of the following genealogy is compiled from *Familiae Minorum Gentium*, by Joseph Hunter, Vol. II, pages 583-87, Harleian Society Publications.

John¹ Rodes, of Staveley Woodthorpe, Yorkshire, married Attelina, daughter of Thomas Hewet, of Wales, Yorkshire, and had a son, Francis² Rodes, of Staveley Woodthorpe, Esq., made Sergeant at Law 21st August, 1582; Justice of the Common Pleas 29th June, 1585; purchased Barlborough, Houghton and other considerable estates. Will dated 7th June, 29th [year] Elizabeth; proved 28th April, 1591. Francis² Rodes married (I) Elizabeth, daughter of Brian Sandford, of Thorpe-Solwin, Esq.; buried at Staveley; (II) Mary, daughter of Francis Charlton, of Apley, Shropshire, sister to Elizabeth, wife of John, Earl of Rutland. By this second marriage Judge Rodes had, besides several daughters, a son, Sir Godfrey³ Rodes, of Great Haughton, knighted July 13, 1615, and died 1633-34, who was the father of Godfrey⁴ Rodes, D. D., Dean of Londonderry, and of Sir Edward⁴ Rodes, of Great Haughton; commissioned colonel of horse March 13, 1654, by Oliver Cromwell, and a Privy Councillor and M. P. for the Shire of Perth in 1556. Godfrey⁵ Rodes, of Great Haughton, was also M. P. for Scotch boroughs in 1656, during the ascendancy of the Parliamentary army, and his great nephew, William Rodes, of Great Haughton, who died in 1740, was the last male of this branch of the family.

Francis² Rodes had by his first marriage, with Elizabeth Sandford, a son, Sir John³ Rodes, of Barlborough, Knt., aged 7, in 1569; Sheriff of Derby 36th Elizabeth; knighted at the Tower 15th March, 1603, died September 16, 1639. He married (I) Dorothy, daughter of George